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In re Patent Application of:

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OVER A

DISTRIBUTED NETWORK

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responding to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2005, and to the requirement for restriction therein, Applicant(s) elect Group II without traverse, reserving the right to file a divisional application with regard to the non-elected invention.

An action on the merits of the claims to the elected invention is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T3653-8965US01) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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